

SENATE BILL 154

By Watson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4,  
Chapter 29 and Section 62-5-201, relative to the  
board of funeral directors and embalmers.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 62-5-201, is amended by deleting subsection (a) and by substituting instead the following:

(a) There is created a state board to be known and designated as the board of funeral directors and embalmers for this state. The board shall consist of seven (7) members who shall possess good moral character, shall be residents of the state and shall be appointed by the governor. At least six (6) of the members shall be licensed funeral directors who shall possess a minimum of five (5) consecutive years' experience in this state immediately preceding their appointment; provided, that at least one (1) member may be appointed from a list of at least three (3) names submitted by the Tennessee Funeral Directors Association and at least one (1) member may be appointed from a list of at least three (3) names submitted by the Tennessee Funeral Directors and Morticians Association. The governor shall consult with such professional organizations before making any appointments to the board. One (1) of the seven (7) members serving on the board shall be a person who is not engaged in the business of a funeral director or embalmer or otherwise commercially associated with any funeral establishment. There shall be at least two (2) members but no more than three (3) members from each grand division. In making appointments to the board, the governor shall strive to ensure that at least one (1) person serving on the board is sixty (60) years

of age or older and that at least one (1) person serving on the board is a member of a racial minority.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011, the public welfare requiring it.